

THE PARISH OFFICE

Opening hours: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday 10.30am to 12.30pm. Email: secretary@stmochtasparrish.ie



WHAT'S ON IN THE PARISH CENTRE?

Tuesdays: TODDLER Group from 9.45am. Phone Mary 087 9790085 for more info.
YOGA with Jakki from 7.45pm to 9.15pm. Please phone 086 0792469 for information.
Wednesdays: YOGA with Jakki from 10am to 11.30am. Please phone 086 0792469 for info.
TOASTMASTERS from 7.45pm on the **2nd & 4th** Wednesday of the Month. For info. phone Tony on 086 8221274.
Thursdays: TAI CHI from 7pm to 8pm. Phone Marius 087 6162712 for more info.
Fridays: PILATES & STRETCHING from 12 to 1pm. For info. contact Cat on 087 6816047.

BETHANY BEREAVEMENT GROUP:

The Parish Bethany Bereavement Support Group will hold the October monthly meeting for the Bereaved at **7.30pm on Monday, 19th October** in the Parish Centre. This is a confidential service. Contact 086 2479216 to avail of a private meeting.

CHURCH NOTICE BOARD & BOOKSHELVES

at the back of the Church: Please do not leave any material (posters/notices/leaflets/books/publications, etc.) without checking with Fr. Paul /Fr. Damian or the Parish Office. Thanks

SAFEGUARDING OF CHILDREN AND VULNERABLE ADULTS:

Please see all policies on the Dublin Diocesan website <http://csps.dublindiocese.ie/policies>

FAITH FORMATION GROUP—Monday

nights in **St Mochta**, Porterstown: **'Hidden King - the Jewish Roots of St Joseph'**. Text Aengus 087 2161199/Marian 087 2958363 for info. FOC

FAITH FORMATION GROUP—Wednesday

nights in **Our Lady Mother of the Church**, Castleknock: **'The Chosen'** Text or phone Aengus 087 2161199/Marian 087 2958363. Adm. Free of charge. All welcome.



PARISH LOTTO RESULT... WE HAVE OUR FOURTH €3,000 JACKPOT WINNER! CONGRATULATIONS JORIS!

Winner has been notified.

KIDS CORNER: Having listened to the readings, please answer the following:

1. Who owned the vineyard?
2. Why was he angry with those he gave it to mind?
3. What was Jesus really talking about?
4. How do we look after the vineyard today?



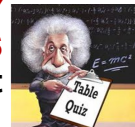
TASK FOR THE WEEK: The Vineyard is a term used as a symbol that we are all God's chosen people. We should live and work together in peace and love. We can do this by listening to God's word as we trust and believe in God's way. This week ask your parents or grandparents to read you their favourite story from the bible to show how we can all live and share in God's wonderful life together.

ALONE manage a national support line for older people who have concerns or are facing difficulties. The support line is open seven days a week, **8am-8pm, by calling 0818 222 024.**

JIGSAW Our Mission Together, we will achieve better **mental health** outcomes for young people (**aged 12-25**) by delivering therapeutic services, promoting youth mental health and mobilising community and societal change, while ensuring our organisation evolves to support all aspects of our work. **Phone 01 8905810 (Dublin 15 telephone number) or see www.jigsaw.ie**

AWARE is the national organisation providing support and info. to individuals and families impacted by depression and bipolar disorder. For information <https://www.aware.ie/support/support-groups/> and www.aware.ie

STRAWBERRY BEDS MONTHLY COMMUNITY QUIZ—IN THE WREN'S NEST on Wednesday 7th Oct. at **8.30pm.** All welcome.



PARISH CHILDREN'S LITURGY: Hi everyone, thank you for all your cushion donations, it is much appreciated. If you have any to donate please drop them into the Hall on any Sunday before or after 11am Mass.



TEEN HOPE is a faith outreach to young teenagers (1st and 2nd year post-primary level) operating in the Dublin 15 area. All 1st & 2nd years all very welcome. For further information, contact office@blanchardstownparish.ie

CARPARK SECURITY: Please be careful about leaving belongings on show while your car is parked in the car parks around the church.



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ST. MOCHTA'S PARISH

Porterstown / Clonsilla
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PARISH NEWSLETTER 4TH OCTOBER 2026—27TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

"St. Mochta's is a young and developing faith community, which is conscious of its proud and ancient history, and seeks to be a welcoming and spirited Parish in the service of the Gospel of Jesus Christ."

(Parish Mission Statement)

Parish Priest: Very Rev. Damian McNeice Tel: 8213218
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THE FRUITLESS VINEYARD

No one can say that Jesus didn't live in the real world. He did. He experienced its ugliness himself. But he didn't answer it with more ugliness.

He triumphed over evil by good. He has become a model for all those who suffer unjustly in the cause of right.

And he challenges us, the tenants of the new vineyard (the Church) to do the same, to produce the fruits of justice, love and peace. It's a great privilege.



Please pray for Fr. Paul, Lucy, Máire, DB, AndyL. MB, Kevin, Una, Seán, JB, EllenC, B.B., Katie, Freddie, Louise, Orla, Peter, Zara, LilyP., Geraldine, Sylvia, Trevor, Ann, Dave, A, DK, Joan, Brigid, Sara, Liz, Brendan, JohnC., JohnS. Pat, Suzanne, Michael, Patricia, Sinead, Phyllis, Eva, Sheila, Michelle, JoeT, Kay, Monica, Kevin, Sinead, Sadie, Eddie, Luke, David, MaryB, Maura, Frank, Daniel, Holly, Richard, Séamus, Geoff, Betty, Lisa, Brenda, Marie, Agnes, Stephen, AB, SOR, Abby, Marguerite, Irene, Donal, Maria, Maureen, Frank, Sandra, Imelda, E.D., Denise and all those who are sick or housebound at this time.

St. Mochta's Church Restoration Work Update

With the work for the latest phase of restoration work now completed at a cost of €72,500 (in addition to over €30,000 has been spent on repairs to our church building following deterioration of the roof and stonework in the bell tower last year), we would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank everyone who has contributed to this Restoration Appeal, your continued support is greatly appreciated. Below you will see details of the works undertaken and the sources of funding to support this.

Preservation Works to Church Cast Iron Guttering and Roof

Actual cost of works carried out:	€ 72,500
Rainwater Downpipes	
Guttering (East side and entrance porch)	
Guttering (West side and chancel)	
** Stone work to Gable/Bell Tower - not carried out	
Roof Repairs - tiles and lead flashings	
Drainage and cleaning survey	
Hoist access and waste removal	
Professional Fees	
Funding sources	
Grants received	€ 15,500
Parish fundraising prior to appeal	€ 40,000
Restoration Appeal May to August 2026	€ 20,637
Appeal Funding available for next phase of restoration	€ 3,637

We are now planning for the next phase of work which will include:

- Stone work to Gable/Bell Tower
 - Plaster work/decorating of church interior
 - Drainage works around the church
 - Landscaping of boundary to the west of the church
 - Heating and energy upgrades to the church
- This will require additional fundraising and we will continue to pursue grant opportunities.

Thank you again and should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Parish Finance Committee (Jonathan McNulty, Chair)

NOVEMBER BEREAVEMENT MASS: We will be celebrating a Mass on **Friday 6th November at 7.30pm** for all those who have died this past 12 months. If you would like a loved one who has died this past year remembered at this Mass please leave their name on the sheet in the sacristy after any Mass or see Fr. Paul. It is a Mass which gives thanks to God for the life of that person and also to pray for those coming to terms with the recent death of a loved one.



CHILDREN'S LITURGY has returned at the **11am Sunday Mass**. Parents are welcome to come out to the Parish Centre with the children.

REMEMBERING SOULS IN NOVEMBER:

November has traditionally been a time to remember loved ones who have died. If you would like to have your loved ones prayed for during the month and on the First Friday of each month through the year please take one of the lists and envelopes at the back of the church and return it before the **1st of November**. You can drop it into the Sacristy after any Mass, drop it into the Parish Office during office hours or drop it into the safe on the back wall. Thank you.



WELCOME TO OUR PARISH: If you are a new parishioner or just visiting you are very welcome and we, the existing community, hope you feel at home. If you are new to the parish please make yourself known to Fr. Paul. We would also be grateful if you could fill out a **Registration Form** in order to register with the parish. Forms available at the back of the Church.

EXPOSITION OF BLESSED SACRAMENT takes place each Sunday evening from **7pm-8pm** and offers us an opportunity to spend some quiet time with the Lord.



THE ST. VINCENT DE PAUL Church gate collection will take place next weekend, 10th & 11th October after all Masses. If you wish to make a donation to SVP, you can donate via Bank Transfer. **BIC Code: IPBSI-E2D; IBAN Code: IE85IPBS99061180000992.** St. Mochta's Conference appreciates your ongoing generosity and support. Thank you. www.vdp.ie



ALSO VDP needs volunteers. Please see one of the volunteers outside the church after the monthly collection. www.svp.ie

TAX RELIEF ON DONATIONS TO PARISH 2025:

As a Regulated Charity our Parish can avail of the scheme of Tax Rebates on Donations to Eligible Charities. With the approval of the donor this tax rebate can be claimed by the Parish on recorded donations of €250 or over in a full tax year. The rebate is considerable and adds an additional 45% to all contributions in excess of €250. The period covered by previous approvals obtained by the Parish has in many cases ended, and we are now in the process of contacting relevant contributors seeking a new approval. We would really appreciate it if you could sign this form and return it to the Parish as soon as possible in the enclosed stamped addressed envelope. **Thank you to all who have returned their signed form.** **Fr. Damian and Fr. Paul**



SCRIPTURE READING: Each week we suggest a piece of Scripture to use in your prayer. Light a candle and read slowly the passage, re-read it a couple of times and reflect on it and listen to what God is saying to you. **This week's is Mt 22:1-14.**

THE COFFEE DOCK: Please join us for a cup of tea/coffee after the 11am Mass on any Sunday. All very welcome.

WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP

Sunday: 27th Sunday of the Year

6.00pm: Maria Tyrrell (Anniv.)
11.00am: Patrick Cullina (Recently Deceased), Pietro Cucchiara (1st Anniv.), Special Intention.

7pm - 8pm: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Monday: St. Faustina Kowalska

10.00am:
11.00am: Requiem Mass for Máiread Caron-Molloy RIP

Wednesday: Our Lady of the Rosary

10.00am: Service of Word & Communion

Friday: St. John Henry Newman

10.00am:
Sunday: 28th Sunday of the Year
6.00pm: Gerry, Margaret & Gerard McCauley (Anniv.)
Patrick Dempsey (Anniv.)

11.00am: Christopher & Marcella Gilbert (1st Anniv.)
Carmel Balfe & Joe Balfe (Anniv.)

7pm - 8pm: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

WELCOME SUNDAY: This weekend we introduce to our community all those who will be baptised this coming month and become part of the Church. Anyone enquiring about baptism please see Deacon Tim or Ciara at the 11am Mass on any Sunday.



WEDDING BELLS: Congratulations to **Eamon & Grace** who were married this past week. May the Lord continue to bless them and deepen their love in the years ahead.



ST. MOCHTA'S PARISH ANNUAL GOLF CLASSIC:

Our Golf Classic took place last Friday in Luttrellstown Castle Golf Club. The day was a great success, enjoyed by all. A huge thank you to all our participants and sponsors for their generosity. A big thank you to all of the staff of Luttrellstown Castle Golf Club for ensuring that the day ran smoothly. I would especially like to thank our very hard working committee Rita Tighe and Eileen Ring who did our parish proud.



MASS INTENTIONS: To arrange an anniversary Mass or Special Intention, etc. in St. Mochta's Church, please see one of our Sacristans, Bernie or Joe after the weekend Masses or call into the parish office during office hours. Early arrangement of the date required is recommended.

